

Word Endings — 'ably' and 'ibly'

Sometimes words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly' sound similar, but are spelt differently. admirably feasibly

Both the '-ably' and '-ibly' endings sound like 'ubly'.

1 Fill in the missing letter to finish each word correctly.

forgiv.....bly

respons.....bly

incred.....bly

favour.....bly

justifi.....bly

toler.....bly

regrett....bly

irresist.....bly

2 Draw lines from the word beginnings to the correct word endings.

accept-

vis-

miser-

terr-

applic-

-ably

-ibly

Write the completed words in the box.

3 Add the correct -ably or -ibly ending to each of these word beginnings.

reason- →

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sens- →

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horr- →

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believ- →

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ador- →

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remark- →

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recognis.....

poss.....

respect.....

notice.....

6 Add the correct -ably or -ibly ending to each of these word beginnings, then write the word in a sentence.

I was reli..... informed that Moscow is exceedingly cold in winter.

Calvin is impos..... good at lying.

Fran is consider..... better at golf than Dwayne.

5 Complete the words in these sentences using -ably or -ibly.

After the car accident, Harriet was late for work.

Richard was told to write more

Salman was sat on the sofa.

comfortably / comfortably understandably / understandably

legibly / legably

Not all the words in the box are spelt correctly.

4 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the correct words from the box.



Adding Suffixes to Words Ending in 'fer'

A **suffix** is a letter or a group of letters that can be **added** to the end of a **word** to make a **new word**.

'prefer' is the **root word**.



'-ence' is a **suffix**.

When you add a **suffix** to a word ending in 'fer', **sometimes** you **double** the 'r' and sometimes you don't.



'-ing' and '-ence' are **suffixes**.

1 Underline the words below that are spelt incorrectly. Then write the correct spellings on the dotted lines.

- transferral preferably
- offered differring deferred
- conferring deferral
- difference

2 Add the suffixes to the words below and then write the words out in full.

transfer- + -ing →

 -ed →

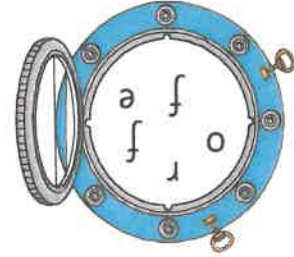
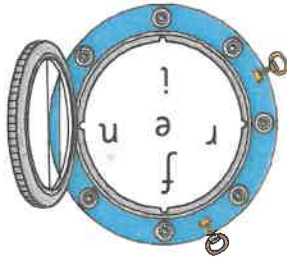
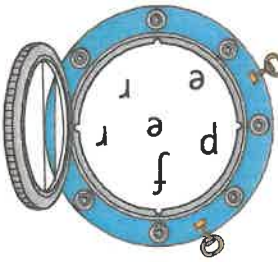
 -ence →

suffer- + -ing →

 -ed →

 -er →

Add two different suffixes to each word above to make two new words. Write your new words in the box below.



Sort the letters below into the right order to spell words ending with -fer.

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R	V	R	H	A	F	T	E		
H	E	E	T	L	B	F	O	C	
E	B	F	C	A	U	S	E	N	
N	A	E	E	R	T	B	L	E	
S	E	R	I	R	S	A	A	R	
W	I	R	D	E	R	N	L	E	
H	I	L	I	L	F	S	E	S	F
E	O	N	C	E	B	P	D	E	
N	H	G	W	R	V	E	R	R	

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Find four words with the root word 'refer' in the wordsearch. Write these words on the dotted lines.

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ei and ie Words

Use this rhyme to help you remember how to spell ei and ie words:

'i' before 'e' except after 'c' if the vowel sound rhymes with bee

field ← Rhymes with **bee**,
so 'i' before 'e'.

receive ← Rhymes with **bee** but
follows a 'c' — so 'e'
before 'i'.

weight ← Doesn't rhyme
with **bee**, so 'e'
before 'i'.

science ← Doesn't rhyme with
bee but follows a 'c' —
so 'i' before 'e'.

1 Circle the correct spelling of each word to complete the sentences below.

"I alone in the universe can wield / weild such power," said Andy.

Sarah was very relieved / releived that her sister was okay.

Please be brief / breif because I don't have much time.

Don't do that to the telephone receiver / reciever — you'll break it.

Don't try to decieve / deceive me.

2 Complete the words below using either ei or ie.

bel.....vable

f.....rce

n.....ghbour

r.....gn

misch.....vous

hyg.....ne

conc.....ve

ach.....vable

3 Circle the misspelt words below.

yeild

glacier

society

wieght

science

vareity

reciept

achievement

fr.....ght

rel.....ve

th.....f

anc.....nt

6 Complete these words by adding ie or ei, then write each word in a sentence.

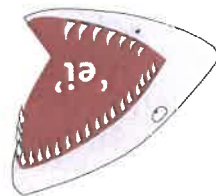
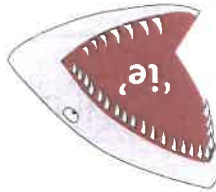
weird	niece	shield	siege
retrieve	seize	protein	nutrients

5 Circle the exceptions to the 'i before e' rule.

perc?ve

d?sel

n?ther



h?ght

t?r

?ther

4 The ei and ie parts of the words below are missing. Draw lines to match each word to its missing part.

Watch out — 'neither' and 'either' can be pronounced differently, which confuses the 'rhymes with bee' rule.

Some words don't follow the 'i before e' rule. ← caffeine

You just have to learn these words.



Words with 'ough' in

Words that contain the letters 'ough' can sound very different. For example:

Here the 'ough' letters sound like 'ow'.

bough

bought

Here the 'ough' letters sound like 'or'.

Here the 'ough' letters sound like 'uh'.

borough

1 Sort these words according to the sound the 'ough' makes.

- | | | |
|-------|--------|---------|
| ought | rough | thought |
| tough | enough | sought |

Try saying the words out loud to help yourself with questions like this.

'or'	'uh'
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2 Complete the sentences below by filling in the missing ough words.

Most people like chocolate, some are allergic to it.

He showed a understanding of the question.

My new car can do to sixty mph in seven seconds.

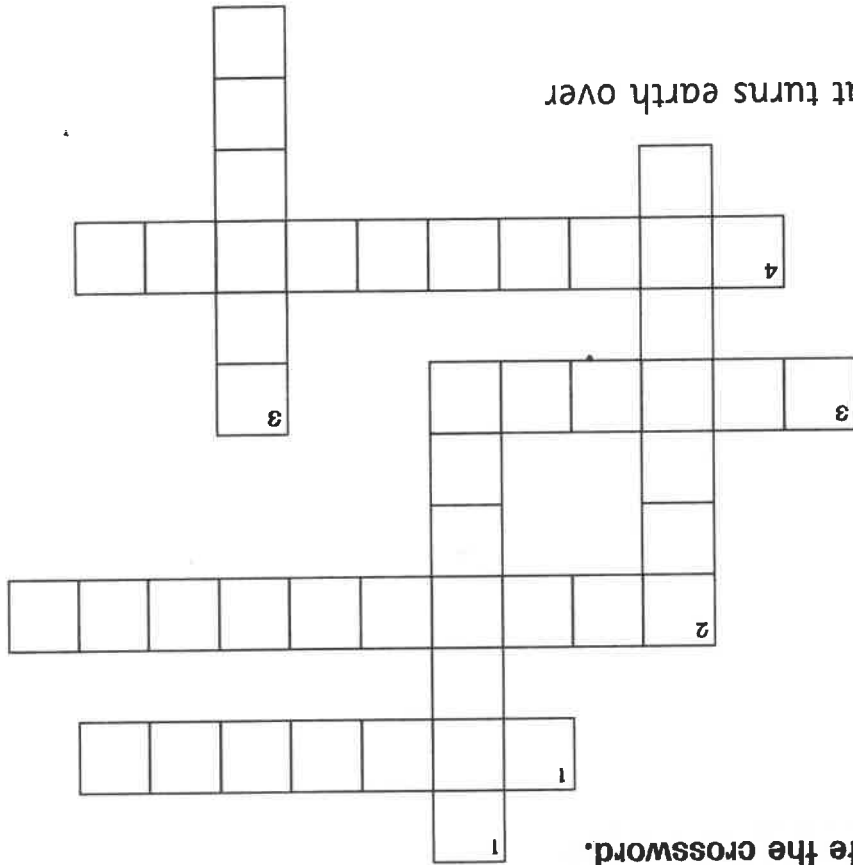
The rabbit's burrow was in an outer-London

James cheese and pineapple on sticks to the party.

..... ← through
 ← dough
 ← bought
 ← trough

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Write each of these words in a sentence.



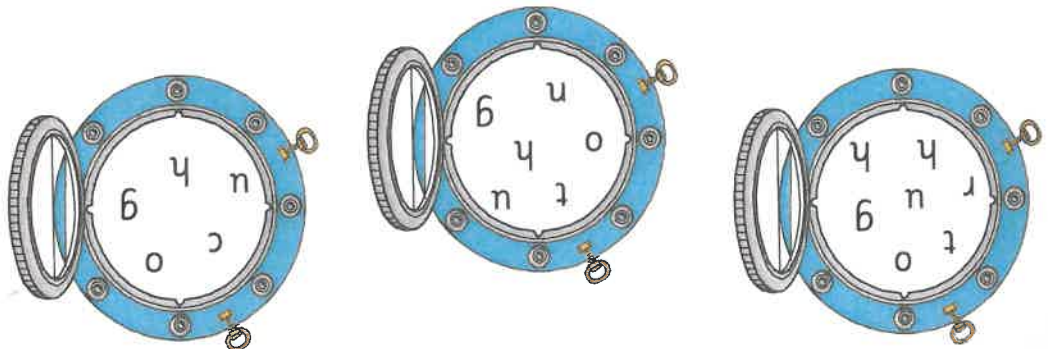
Down
 1. A shortage of water
 2. An idea
 3. A farming vehicle that turns earth over

Across
 1. Past tense of bring
 2. If someone thinks a lot, they are...
 3. Past tense of fight
 4. If something happens all year round, it happens ... the year

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Solve the clues below using ough words. Use your answers to complete the crossword.

Take the letters ough out first and then see what you're left with.



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Sort the letters below into the right order to spell a word which contains ough.



Words with Silent Letters

Silent letters are letters that you don't hear when you say a word.

doub**t** would know

The 'b', 'l' and 'k' are all silent letters in these words.

1 Circle the silent letters in each of the words below.

should

exhaust

womb

debut

solemn

whine

gnarled

hour

2 For each word below, write the silent letter in the box.

guess

wreckage

ghastly

wrinkled

scene

design

benign

rhythm

3 Sort the words below into the correct group.

guess

fascinated

ascend

honest

guitar

rhinoceros

muscle

guard

vehicle

silent u

silent h

silent c

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Complete the words in these sentences by adding the missing silent letters.

Jeremy used the s.....issors to cut out pictures of cas.....les for his scrapbook.

Thenight fell off his horse and twisted hisrist.

Sa.....mon is only ha.....f as good as cod.

To b.....ild strong mus.....les you need to do lots of exercise.

James spent his summer volunteering in a forei.....n country.

I don'tnow where you got that idea from.

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These clues all describe words that contain silent letters. Write the answers on the dotted lines.

The season between summer and winter.

When words sound like each other.

What you use to write on a blackboard.

Something you do with wool and needles.

Your hand has four fingers and one of these.

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Complete these words by adding the correct silent letter, then write the word in a sentence.

w.....o

cu.....board

su.....tle

